# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

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HANDLOOM EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of handloom weavers and artisans who are the members of the Handloom Export Promotion Council;

(b) the expenditure details of the Handloom Export Promotion Council during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Council has achieved its target;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has set up Handloom Development Centres in the country for the development of handloom sector; and

(f) if so, the location-wise details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA )

(a) The Council does not have a seggregated list of weavers and artisans in its membership roll. Only the exporters, both merchant as well as manufacturers, enroll themselves as members of the Council. Presently, the total number of the members of the Council stands at 2,079.

(b) Expenditure details of the Handloom Export Promotion Council during each of the last three years on various heads are as under: -

| Various heads | Expenditure incurred in Rupees | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001-02 | 2002-03 | 2003-04 |
| Administrative Expenses | 91,54,894.60 | 91,11,816.65 | 1,01,46,833.65 |
| Promotional Expenses | 1,35,78,667.50 | 3,37,29,128.70 | 5,15,25,091.90 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 12,33,862.25 | 8,03,319.05 | 9,54,281.05 |
| Total | 2,49,67,424.35 | 4,36,44,264.40 | 6,26,26,206.60 |

(c) & (d) Annual target for handloom exports had been fixed at US$ 550 million during the year 2002-03. Against this, the Council had achieved US$ 544 million. However, from 1.4.2003 onwards, seggregated export data is not available in the absence of separate ITC (HS) Codes for the handloom products. The matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue and the Director General of Foreign Trade for allotment of separate ITC (HS) Codes for handloom products.

(e) & (f) The Government of India had sanctioned 1711 Handloom Development Centres under Handloom Development Centre & Quality Dying Unit Scheme to be set up in various districts of as many as 19 States during the currency of the scheme.